

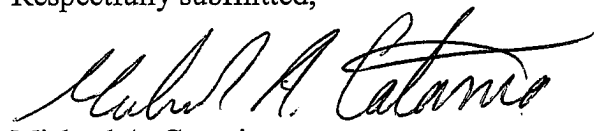
REMARKS

In the Office Action, it was noted that the Applicants' arguments were unpersuasive since it was alleged that the features relied upon to demonstrate that Galy fails to have the belt define an open space between the body and the belt were not recited in the claims. The Applicants believed that the limitations, "heel space" and "toe space" defined the "open space" feature relied upon to demonstrate the shortcomings of Galy. However, to better define the Applicants' intentions, the claims have been amended to define "an open heel space" and "an open toe space."

It is believed that the claims are now allowable. The Applicants therefore respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,



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